

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-19 are pending. Claims 11-19 are allowed. Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Claims 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 2 and 4-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1, 4-5, 11, 13-14, and 17 are currently amended. Claims 2 and 20-23 are cancelled without prejudice.

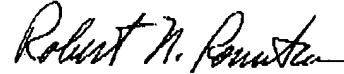
The drawings are objected to because reference numeral 118 (Figure 1) is not mentioned in the written description. Applicant respectfully submits that reference numeral 118 is mentioned at page 8, line 3 of the instant specification. Thus, applicant requests withdrawal of the present drawing objection.

Claims 11, 13-14, and 17 are amended to overcome claim objections at page 4 of the present Office Action dated September 29, 2005. Applicant appreciates Examiner's assistance.

Claims 2 is objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claim 1, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Independent claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of depending claim 2. Claim 2 is cancelled without prejudice. Depending claims 4-5 are amended to depend directly from claim 1. Thus, claims 1 and 3-10 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Alelyunas et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,705,949).

In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 3-10. If the Examiner finds any issue that is unresolved, please call applicant's attorney by dialing the telephone number printed below.

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